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Because of the rains late into the summer and the high amount of snowfall, storage was not used until July 14th.

The problems encountered were related to the fact that so much water was received in such a short time.

During the months of April and May, problems with the tunnel caused the Pioneer Power Plant to be closed down three times. This caused some concerns with water users. The high seasonal rainfall, debris, and trees falling into the Millstream made it difficult to deliver users water rights. Much concern was felt, and the Water Commissioner received many calls to this problem.

The problem of cleaning the Millstream and the closing of Pioneer Power Station has caused much concern and it is felt that both of these problems require immediate attention. On a year when water is not so abundant a real problem could arise. The solution of cleaning the Millstream and by-passing the Pioneer Plant should be looked into.

Mr. Wilson, Deputy Commissioner, was brought down into the lower valley for the purpose of making him more familiar with the lower system. (As per the instruction of the Ogden River Rights Committee.)

During the period when water was low in the Ogden River some repairs were made on the head gate of the Great Western. Some flooding took place at several residences along the Western, between the head gate and where it flows into the Tailrace.

Most irrigation companies did not use a high percentage of their water storage because of the amount of water, and the water season came to a close with the rains of September 10th and 11th.

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